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**INTERNATIONAL UNION  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS  
(BERNE UNION)**

**ASSEMBLY**

**Twenty-Fourth (11th Extraordinary) Session  
Geneva, September 7 to 15, 1998**

REPORT

*adopted by the Assembly*

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda document A/33/1 Prov.2): 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 14, 17, 20 and 21.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 17, is contained in the General Report (document A/33/8).
3. The report on item 17 is contained in the present document.
4. Mr. David Gabunia (Georgia), Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting of the Assembly.

ITEM 17 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE  
BERNE CONVENTION IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

5. Discussion was based on document B/A/24/1.
6. The Delegation of China expressed its support for the establishment of an official text of the Berne Convention in the Russian language. The Delegation recalled that China was a country with a population of 1.2 billion. Subsequent to China's accession to the Berne Convention in 1992, issues relating to copyright and related rights had gained increased importance and attention in China. The Delegation of China stated that, pursuant to Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, the Government of China would soon submit to the Director General of WIPO an official request for the establishment of an official text of the Berne Convention in the Chinese language. The Government of China would also request that the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty be published in Chinese language versions. The Delegation of China concluded that both requests would be submitted to the Director General of WIPO soon after the ongoing meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.
7. The Assembly of the Berne Union decided to designate, for the purposes of Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, Russian as a language in which an official text of the Berne Convention shall be established.

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